

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows.

1-11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently amended) A method for lowering blood glucose level ~~preventing and/or treating diabetes mellitus~~, which comprises administering ~~administering~~ to a subject a composition comprising at least one selected from the group consisting of curcumin and a curcuminoid as an active agent.

13. (Currently amended) A method for reducing ~~preventing and/or treating obesity or visceral fat obesity~~, which comprises administering to a subject a composition comprising at least one selected from the group consisting of curcumin and a curcuminoid as an active agent.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 12, wherein said composition is in the form of a food or a drink.

16. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 13, wherein said composition is in the form of a food or a drink.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 12, wherein said composition is in the form of a pharmaceutical.

19. (Currently amended) The method according to Claim ~~Claims~~ 13, wherein said composition is in the form of a pharmaceutical.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 12, wherein said subject is a domestic animal or pet.

22. (Previously presented) The method according to Claim 13, wherein said subject is a domestic animal or pet.